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Professor Joshua Lederberg

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To: Dean Clayton Rich

Re: "Kennedy Labs."

I am using this stationery a/c the footing, which is part of our bargain with the Kennedy Foundation to justify their grant of \$1.1 million for building laboratory facilities for "molecular medicine".

We have done a less than spectacular job of fulfilling the promises we made for a more "integrated effort" -- Eunice Shriver reminds me of this from time to time, and I reply with excuses like this. I hope in due course to recoup our reputation, and with profit besides, if we can invigorate clinical genetics and get NIGMS funding for a "genetics center" as we reestablish directions in Pediatrics. Be not alarmed -- its scope would be miniscule compared to Cancer, and no new administrative machinery is called for.

No action requested; but I thought you should be aware. I am not too hopeful that Eric can pry any more money out of the Foundation; but you never know, and if we can keep them from boiling over with recriminations, that would help enough.

LT. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. LABORATORIES FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE  
dedicated to the study of mental retardation

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IS ROOM FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN the basic sciences and clinically oriented work in genetics, molecular biology, pediatrics, and neurology. Unfortunately, we did not have the resources to be able to keep Dr. Guy McKhann at Stanford which I particularly regret since he was undoubtedly the keystone of our integrated effort. We have been painfully rebuilding a department of neurology and a program in neurobiology since Dr. McKhann's leaving, and this is just beginning to bear fruit under the leadership of Professor David Prince as the chairman of that department. Under Dr. Shooter's leadership as chairman of the basic neurosciences group, we have also been making strong efforts to fund an enlargement of our capability in neurobiology, but have so far been

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